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1. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114. Applicants enclose a Petition for a three-month extension of time and authorization of payment of fees.

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2. Submission

Claims 18-63 are pending in the application with claims 18, 20, 22, 30, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 41, 43, 45, 46, 50, 52, 54, 55, 59, 61, and 63 being in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge that the Declaration filed under 37 CFR §1.131 (filed May 23, 2003) to remove the *Baker, et al.* reference (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0198147) was inapplicable to the present situation. Applicants further acknowledge that provoking an Interference between U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0198147 and the present application may be Applicants' only recourse. As such, Applicants have retained claims 18-63 and added claim 64 for purposes of alerting the Examiner to a potential Interference proceeding.

Claim 64 has been added to correspond to claim 21 of U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0198147.